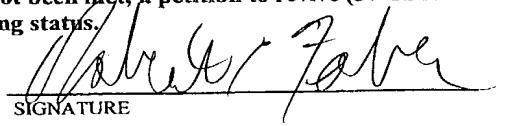


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| U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE<br>FORM PTO-1390<br>(REV. 9-2001)  |   | ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER<br>P/3255-62                               |
| TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES<br>DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)<br>CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371   |   | U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5)<br><b>10/088944</b> |
| INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.<br>PCT/FR01/03402  | INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE<br>November 5, 2001 | PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED<br>November 10, 2000                          |
| TITLE OF INVENTION<br>CATHODIC PROTECTION DEVICE FOR FLEXIBLE PIPES  |   |   |
| APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US<br>Hugues BERTON et al.  |   |   |
| Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:  |   |   |
| <p>1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.</p> <p>2. <input type="checkbox"/> This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.</p> <p>3. <input type="checkbox"/> This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.</p> <p>4. <input type="checkbox"/> The US has been elected by the expiration of 19 months from the priority date (Article 31).</p> <p>5. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))<br/>       a. <input type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).<br/>       b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> has been communicated by the International Bureau.<br/>       c. <input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).</p> <p>6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).<br/>       a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto.<br/>       b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</p> <p>7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))<br/>       a. <input type="checkbox"/> are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).<br/>       b. <input type="checkbox"/> have been communicated by the International Bureau.<br/>       c. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.<br/>       d. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made.</p> <p>8. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).</p> <p>9. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).</p> <p>10. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the annexes of the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).</p> |   |   |
| Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included:  |   |   |
| <p>11. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.</p> <p>12. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.</p> <p>13. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A FIRST preliminary amendment.</p> <p>14. <input type="checkbox"/> A SECOND or SUBSEQUENT preliminary amendment.</p> <p>15. <input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification.</p> <p>16. <input type="checkbox"/> A change of power of attorney and/or address letter.</p> <p>17. <input type="checkbox"/> A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with 37 CFR 1.52(e).</p> <p>18. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the published international application under 37 CFR 1.52(e).</p> <p>19. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 37 CFR 1.52(e).</p> <p>20. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other items or information:<br/>5 sheets of drawings.<br/>Post card<br/>1 reference.</p>   |   |   |
| EXPRESS MAIL CERTIFICATE   |   |   |
| <p>I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as Express Mail Post Office Addressee (Mail Label EL 924372709 US) in an envelope addressed to: U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, PO Box 2327, Arlington, VA 22202, on <u>March 21, 2002</u>.</p> <p><u>Dorothy Jenkins</u><br/>Name of Person Mailing correspondence<br/>Signature</p> <p><u>March 21, 2002</u><br/>Date of Signature</p>   |   |   |

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| U.S. APPLICATION NO. (if known, see 37 CFR 1.492(e))<br><b>107088944</b>   | INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.<br>PCT/FR01/03402 | ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER<br>P/3255-62 |           |    |
| 21. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The following fees are submitted:<br><b>BASIC NATIONAL FEE (37 CFR 1.492 (a) (1) - (5)):</b><br>Neither international preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) nor international search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) paid to USPTO and International Search Report not prepared by the EPO or JPO..... \$1040.00<br>International preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) not paid to USPTO but International Search Report prepared by the EPO or JPO ..... \$890.00<br>International preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) not paid to USPTO but international search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) paid to USPTO ..... \$740.00<br>International preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) paid to USPTO but all claims did not satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4) ..... \$710.00<br>International preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) paid to USPTO and all claims satisfied provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4) ..... \$100.00<br><b>ENTER APPROPRIATE BASIC FEE AMOUNT =</b> |   | CALCULATIONS PTO USE ONLY             |           |    |
|  |   | \$ 890.00                             |           |    |
| Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than <input type="checkbox"/> 20 <input type="checkbox"/> 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)).  |   | \$                                    |           |    |
| CLAIMS   | NUMBER FILED                                    | NUMBER EXTRA                          | RATE      | \$ |
| Total claims   | 12 - 20 =                                       | 0                                     | x \$18.00 | \$ |
| Independent claims   | 1 - 3 =   | 0                                     | x \$84.00 | \$ |
| <b>MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if applicable)</b>   |   | + \$280.00                            |           |    |
| <b>TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =</b>   |   | \$ 890.00                             |           |    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. The fees indicated above are reduced by 1/2.   |   | +                                     |           |    |
| <b>SUBTOTAL =</b>  |   | \$ 890.00                             |           |    |
| Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than <input type="checkbox"/> 20 <input type="checkbox"/> 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(f)).   |   | \$                                    |           |    |
| <b>TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =</b>  |   | \$ 890.00                             |           |    |
| Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per property   |   | + \$ 40.00                            |           |    |
| <b>TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED =</b>   |   | \$ 930.00                             |           |    |
|  |   | Amount to be refunded:                | \$        |    |
|  |   | charged:                              | \$        |    |
| <p>a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of \$ <u>930.</u> to cover the above fees is enclosed. Check No. <u>8835</u></p> <p>b. <input type="checkbox"/> Please charge my Deposit Account No. _____ in the amount of \$ _____ to cover the above fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.</p> <p>c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. <u>15-0700</u>. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.</p> <p>d. <input type="checkbox"/> Fees are to be charged to a credit card. <b>WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form.</b> Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.</p>  |   |                                       |           |    |
| <p><b>NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.494 or 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137 (a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.</b></p> <p>SEND ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO:<br/> <b>OSTROLENK, FABER, GERB &amp; SOFFEN, LLP</b><br/> <b>1180 Avenue of the Americas</b><br/> <b>New York, NY 10036-8403</b></p> <p><b>Tel: (212) 382 0700</b></p>   |   |                                       |           |    |
| <br><p><b>SIGNATURE</b><br/> <b>Robert C. Faber</b><br/> <b>NAME</b><br/> <b>24,322</b><br/> <b>REGISTRATION NUMBER</b></p>   |   |                                       |           |    |